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Group Art Unit: 2615  
Docket No.: SONYJP 3.0-073

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: :  
: Osawa et al. :  
: Application No.: 09/338,154 : Group Art Unit: 2615  
: Filed: June 23, 1999 : Examiner: H. T. Nguyen  
: For: VIDEO REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND :  
: REPRODUCING METHOD :

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In response to the Official Action mailed March 12, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 through 10, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: